AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendments to claims 26, 59, and 71 to correct several typographical errors in the claims as filed. A marked-up version of the changes made to these claims by the current amendment is attached hereto and captioned *Version with Markings to Show Changes Made*.

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26.\ (Amended) An RFID device comprising:

a first electrical component having

a first electrically conductive contact;

a second electrical component having

a second electrically conductive contact;

wherein the first and second electrically conductive contacts are in alignment with one another;

at least one electrically conductive hard particle attached to at least one of the first and second electrically conductive contacts,

wherein the at least one electrically conductive hard particle has a hardness at least as great as that of at least one of the first and second electrically conductive contacts;

a non-conductive adhesive disposed between the first and second electrically conductive contacts;

wherein the first and second electrically conductive contacts are held together by the non-conductive adhesive once the adhesive cures;

wherein a permanent electrical connection is formed between the first and second electrically conductive contacts; and

wherein a permanent physical attachment is formed between the first electrical component and the second electrical component.

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59. (Amended) The method of claim 49 or 57, wherein the at least one electrically conductive hard particle is attached to the first electrically conductive contact by an electroless metal-particle co-deposition process.

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71. (Amended) The electrical component of claim 70, wherein the chip further comprises at least one of the following: a discrete circuit device, an integrated circuit device, a memory device, a microprocessor device, a transceiver device, and an electro-optic device.

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